

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. MBHB 03-465-A (400.136))

IN THE APPLICATION OF:)	
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McSwiggen, James <i>et al.</i>)	
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Serial No. 10/693,059)	Examiner: Pitrak, Jennifer S.
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Filed: October 23, 2003)	Group Art Unit: 1635
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Title RNA Interference Mediated)	Confirmation No.: 1557
Inhibition of Gene Expression)	
Using Chemically Modified Short)	
Interfering Nucleic Acid (siNA))	

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO THE RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

Applicants now respond to the Restriction Requirement mailed on February 8, 2008, in the above-captioned application. Also submitted herewith is a petition for a one (1)-month extension of time and the required fee. No other fees are thought to be presently due; however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge payment of any additional fees required in connection with the paper(s) transmitted herewith, or to credit any overpayment of the same, to Deposit Account No. 13-2490.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.

CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION (37 C.F.R. 1.8)

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being transmitted to the USPTO via the USPTO EFS on April 8, 2008.

Date: April 8, 2008

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